

Platts	Schiff	Thomas	Beauprez	Eshoo	Larsen (WA)	Reyes	Shimkus	Tierney
Pombo	Schrock	Thompson (CA)	Becerra	Etheridge	Larson (CT)	Rodriguez	Shuster	Toomey
Pomeroy	Scott (GA)	Thompson (MS)	Bell	Evans	Latham	Rogers (AL)	Simmons	Towns
Porter	Scott (VA)	Thornberry	Bereuter	Everett	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)	Simpson	Turner (OH)
Portman	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt	Berkley	Farr	Leach	Rogers (MI)	Skelton	Turner (TX)
Price (NC)	Serrano	Tiberi	Berman	Fattah	Lee	Rohrabacher	Slaughter	Udall (CO)
Pryce (OH)	Sessions	Tierney	Berry	Feeney	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Udall (NM)
Putnam	Shadegg	Toomey	Biggert	Ferguson	Lewis (CA)	Ross	Smith (NJ)	Upton
Quinn	Shaw	Towns	Billirakis	Filner	Lewis (GA)	Rothman	Smith (TX)	Van Hollen
Radanovich	Shays	Turner (OH)	Bishop (GA)	Fletcher	Lewis (KY)	Roybal-Allard	Smith (WA)	Velazquez
Rahall	Sherman	Turner (TX)	Bishop (NY)	Foley	Linder	Royce	Snyder	Visclosky
Ramstad	Sherwood	Udall (CO)	Bishop (UT)	Forbes	Lipinski	Ruppersberger	Solis	Vitter
Rangel	Shimkus	Udall (NM)	Blackburn	Ford	LoBiondo	Rush	Souder	Walden (OR)
Regula	Shuster	Upton	Blumenauer	Fossella	Lofgren	Ryan (OH)	Spratt	Walsh
Rehberg	Simmons	Van Hollen	Blunt	Frank (MA)	Lowey	Ryan (WI)	Stark	Wamp
Renzi	Simpson	Velazquez	Boehrlert	Franks (AZ)	Lucas (KY)	Ryun (KS)	Stearns	Waters
Reyes	Skelton	Visclosky	Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Lucas (OK)	Sabo	Stenholm	Watson
Rodriguez	Slaughter	Vitter	Bonilla	Frost	Lynch	Sanchez, Linda	Strickland	Watt
Rogers (AL)	Smith (MI)	Walden (OR)	Bonner	Galleghy	Majette	T.	Stupak	Waxman
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Walsh	Bono	Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	Sanchez, Loretta	Sullivan	Weiner
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Wamp	Boozman	Gerlach	Manzullo	Sanders	Sweeney	Weldon (FL)
Rohrabacher	Smith (WA)	Waters	Boswell	Gibbons	Markey	Saxton	Tancredo	Weldon (PA)
Ros-Lehtinen	Snyder	Watson	Boucher	Gilchrest	Marshall	Schakowsky	Tanner	Weller
Ross	Solis	Watt	Boyd	Gillmor	Matheson	Schiff	Tauscher	Wexler
Rothman	Souder	Waxman	Bradley (NH)	Gingrey	Matsui	Schrock	Tauzin	Whitfield
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Weiner	Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (GA)	Taylor (MS)	Wicker
Royce	Stark	Weldon (FL)	Brady (TX)	Goode	McCollum	Scott (VA)	Taylor (NC)	Wilson (NM)
Ruppersberger	Stearns	Weldon (PA)	Brown (OH)	Goodlatte	McCotter	Sensenbrenner	Terry	Wilson (SC)
Rush	Stenholm	Weller	Brown (SC)	Gordon	McCrery	Serrano	Thomas	Wolf
Ryan (OH)	Strickland	Wexler	Brown, Corrine	Goss	McGovern	Sessions	Thompson (CA)	Woolsey
Ryan (WI)	Stupak	Whitfield	Brown-Waite,	Granger	McHugh	Shaw	Thompson (MS)	Wu
Ryun (KS)	Sullivan	Wicker	Ginny	Graves	McInnis	Shays	Thornberry	Wynn
Sabo	Sweeney	Wilson (NM)	Burgess	Green (TX)	McIntyre	Sherman	Tiahrt	Young (AK)
Sanchez, Linda	Tancredo	Wilson (SC)	Burns	Green (WI)	McKeon	Sherwood	Tiberi	
T.	Tanner	Wolf	Burr	Greenwood	McNulty			
Sanchez, Loretta	Tauscher	Woolsey	Burton (IN)	Grijalva	Meehan			
Sanders	Tauzin	Wu	Buyer	Gutierrez	Meek (FL)			
Sandlin	Taylor (MS)	Wynn	Calvert	Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)			
Saxton	Taylor (NC)	Young (AK)	Camp	Hall	Menendez			
Schakowsky	Terry		Cannon	Harman	Mica			
			Cantor	Harris	Michaud			
			Capito	Hart	Millender-			
			Capps	Hastings (FL)	McDonald			
			Capuano	Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)			
			Cardin	Hayes	Miller (MI)			
			Cardoza	Hayworth	Miller (NC)			
			Carson (OK)	Hefley	Mollohan			
			Carter	Hensarling	Moore			
			Case	Herger	Moran (KS)			
			Castle	Hill	Moran (VA)			
			Chabot	Hinchee	Murphy			
			Chocola	Hinojosa	Murtha			
			Clay	Hobson	Musgrave			
			Clyburn	Hoeffel	Myrick			
			Coble	Hoekstra	Nadler			
			Cole	Holden	Napolitano			
			Collins	Holt	Neal (MA)			
			Combest	Honda	Nethercutt			
			Cooper	Hostettler	Ney			
			Costello	Houghton	Northup			
			Cox	Hoyer	Nunes			
			Cramer	Hulshof	Nussle			
			Crane	Inslee	Oberstar			
			Crenshaw	Isakson	Obey			
			Crowley	Israel	Olver			
			Cubin	Issa	Ortiz			
			Culberson	Istook	Osborne			
			Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Ose			
			Cunningham	Janklow	Otter			
			Davis (AL)	Jefferson	Owens			
			Davis (CA)	Jenkins	Oxley			
			Davis (FL)	John	Pallone			
			Davis (IL)	Johnson (CT)	Pascarell			
			Davis (TN)	Johnson (IL)	Pastor			
			Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, E. B.	Payne			
			Davis, Tom	Johnson, Sam	Pearce			
			Deal (GA)	Jones (NC)	Pelosi			
			DeFazio	Jones (OH)	Pence			
			DeGette	Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)			
			Delahunt	Kaptur	Peterson (PA)			
			DeLauro	Keller	Petri			
			DeMint	Kelly	Pickering			
			Deutsch	Kennedy (MN)	Pitts			
			Diaz-Balart, L.	Kildee	Platts			
			Diaz-Balart, M.	Kilpatrick	Pombo			
			Dicks	Kind	Pomeroy			
			Doggett	King (IA)	Porter			
			Dooley (CA)	King (NY)	Portman			
			Doolittle	Kingston	Price (NC)			
			Doyle	Kirk	Pryce (OH)			
			Dreier	Klecza	Putnam			
			Duncan	Kline	Quinn			
			Dunn	Knollenberg	Radanovich			
			Edwards	Kolbe	Rahall			
			Ehlers	Kucinich	Ramstad			
			Emanuel	LaHood	Rangel			
			Emerson	Lampson	Regula			
			Engel	Langevin	Rehberg			
			English	Lantos	Renzi			

NOT VOTING—12

Carson (IN)	Jackson-Lee	Miller, George
DeLay	(TX)	Reynolds
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Young (FL)
Gephardt	McDermott	
Hyde	Miller, Gary	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1532

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS SECURITY ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 866.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 866, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 2, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 169]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Andrews	Ballance
Ackerman	Baca	Ballenger
Aderholt	Bachus	Barrett (SC)
Akin	Baird	Bartlett (MD)
Alexander	Baker	Barton (TX)
Allen	Baldwin	Bass

NAYS—2

Flake	Paul
	NOT VOTING—19

Carson (IN)	Hyde	Miller, George
Conyers	Jackson-Lee	Norwood
DeLay	(TX)	Reynolds
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Sandlin
Gephardt	McCarthy (MO)	Shadegg
Hooley (OR)	McDermott	Young (FL)
Hunter	Miller, Gary	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1539

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 898

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 898.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD LAGE, JR. ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to recognize an outstanding Oregonian and public servant on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his service to the Pine Grove Fire Department. Friends and colleagues of Edward Riddell Lage, Jr. will soon observe the passage of the half-century milestone in which he has helped protect the lives and property of his fellow citizens. Like each of them, I stand in awe of Eddie's remarkable dedication to others. I take great pride in adding my voice to the chorus of Oregonians who have expressed gratitude for his many contributions to his community.

Mr. Speaker, Eddie Lage is a fourth-generation farmer who was born July 28, 1936, into a well-respected Oregon farm family. As a young man, he joined the all-volunteer Pine Grove Fire Department on May 12, 1953, beginning what would come to be a lifetime spent in community service. Eddie's fellow volunteers describe him as a tireless and faithful firefighter with a near perfect record of attendance at drills and other meetings. This commitment would ultimately be rewarded with Eddie's appointment as fire chief as well as to a position on the department's board of directors. He remains a fixture among the community's volunteer firefighters, inspiring them with his selfless dedication to others. Perhaps most remarkably, he has no plans to give himself a well-deserved rest.

Eddie exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and good citizenship, and the Oregonians he helps keep safe owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. In addition to his service on the Pine Grove Fire Department, he has also served as a member of the National Ski Patrol for 25 years, as well as the Crag Rats, an outfit in the Columbia Gorge that rescues climbers from nearby Mt. Hood. If there is an organization dedicated to helping Oregonians in their hour of need, chances are that Eddie is a member of that organization. As with his service as a volunteer firefighter, the work he has done as a rescuer has been totally without pay. The satisfaction of helping others is the only compensation that he desires.

Mr. Speaker, Eddie Lage has served as a board member and past president of the Washington/Oregon Canning Pear Association, where he advocated on behalf of his fellow Northwest orchardists. Eddie has also served the young people of his area, donating his time and energy to helping ensure bright futures for those who come after him.

□ 1545

He has been active with the Boy Scouts of America and served as a member of the Columbia Pacific Council. He has held the role of an advisory member of the Future Farmers of America; and perhaps most admirably, Eddie served for 8 years as a member of the Oregon National Guard, proudly wearing the uniform of these United States.

Eddie Lage personifies the well-trained and highly motivated public servant who is dedicated to the protection of his community. He has sacrificed his time, risked his life, endured discomfort, and shouldered tremendous burdens for no other reason than his commitment to others.

Mr. Speaker, most of us spend our lives hoping that we will leave the world a better place than we found it. Eddie Lage need not entertain such a hope. In his case, it has long since been fulfilled. I am grateful for Eddie's devotion to his fellow citizens. I am honored to represent such a fine man in the United States Congress and to call him a friend.

THE FORGOTTEN EXODUS: JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ARAB LANDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HENSARLING). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, as Israel and Palestine take steps towards peace and as President Bush and the State Department released the road map for peace in the Middle East, I would like to draw attention to an important issue in the peace process. The issue of refugees is widely regarded as one of the most contentious aspects of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

However, up until now the debate has focused primarily on the plight of Palestinian refugees and the question of the right of return. Mr. Speaker, it is critical that future peace negotiations and discussions, specifically on the rights of refugees, address both sides of the issue, both Arab and Jewish. Many people do not realize that during the years following the establishment of the State of Israel, more Jews than Arabs became refugees. It is estimated that over 900,000 Jews were stripped of their property and expelled from Arab nations. Approximately 600,000 refugees were absorbed and assimilated by Israel, and the remaining 300,000 fled to other nations, including the United States and Canada.

At a time, Mr. Speaker, when Jews face severe persecution, economic deprivation, discrimination, and expulsion from Arab lands, Jews turn to Israel as a place to begin their lives anew. Israel opened her arms and welcomed the refugees, granting Arab Jews citizenship and welcoming them into Israeli society. Jews in Arab nations were forced to forfeit the lives they had worked so hard to achieve, to abandon their homes and livelihoods. They had to turn their backs on centuries of Jewish history, culture, and community. They had to leave behind schools, synagogues, hospitals, and businesses, all without compensation and all confiscated by the various Arab governments.

However, the fact that Israel chose to absorb and assimilate the refugees from Arab nations does not lessen the

fact that they were all expelled or otherwise compelled to leave their homelands.

I have personally spoken with several of my colleagues in Congress about this often-forgotten aspect of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They agree on the importance of holding a congressional hearing on this subject and the need to educate Members of Congress and to ensure that they and the public are informed of the issues at stake and the sacrifices made by Jews from Arab lands when they were forced to leave their homes and countries.

Mr. Speaker, Congress cannot continue to be silent on the plight of Jewish refugees. It is critical that Congress address this issue while the refugees are still alive. By doing so, we can ensure that justice for Jewish refugees assumes its rightful place in the debate. And this must be done while we can still address their rights as victims.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, along with nearly all Americans, I felt a great sense of pride at the competence and skill displayed by our military in Afghanistan and Iraq. It was extremely gratifying to see nearly all Americans united behind our troops. Even though all did not agree with the idea behind the war, at least they supported the troops.

Over the last several months, a number of communities in my district provided meals for military personnel being transported across Nebraska. That is not a big deal, but this spirit of support was really a rebirth of a project called the North Platte Canteen. The North Platte Canteen's history is as follows: just 10 days after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, North Platte, Nebraska, residents learned that on December 17, 1941, Company D, Nebraska National Guard troops, were scheduled to travel through North Platte aboard a military train. According to sources, that train could possibly make a stop in North Platte on its way to the west coast. So nobody